

EXTRADITION BETWEEN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OR GUAM AND BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

*Exchange of notes at Dublin, New Hampshire, September 1, 1913, and
at Washington September 23, 1913*

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The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY

DUBLIN, N.H.

Sept. 1, 1913

No. 231

SIR,

Under instructions from my government I have the honour to request you to be so good as to inform me whether the United States Government would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the Government of His Britannic Majesty by virtue of which fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands or Guam to the State of North Borneo, or from the State of North Borneo to the Philippine Islands or Guam shall be reciprocally surrendered for offences specified in the existing Treaties of Extradition between the United States and His Britannic Majesty, so far as such offences are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands or Guam and by the laws of the State of North Borneo.

Should your government agree to this arrangement I should be glad to receive from you an assurance that this note will be considered by the United States Government as a sufficient confirmation thereof on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

CECIL SPRING RICE

The Honourable,

W. J. BRYAN,

Secretary of State,

etc., etc., etc.

¹ TS 849, *post*, p. 482.

The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

No. 139

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 23, 1913

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 231, of the 1st instant, in which, under instructions from your Government, you inquire whether the Government of the United States would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the Government of His Britannic Majesty by virtue of which fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands or Guam to the State of North Borneo or from the State of North Borneo to the Philippine Islands or Guam shall be reciprocally surrendered for offenses specified in the existing treaties of extradition between the United States and His Britannic Majesty, so far as such offenses are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands or Guam and by the laws of the State of North Borneo; and you ask that, in case the Government of the United States agrees to this arrangement, you receive from me an assurance that your note will be considered by the Government of the United States as a sufficient confirmation thereof on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

In reply I am happy to state that the Government of the United States agrees to the arrangement between the Government of the United States and the Government of His Britannic Majesty by which it is understood that fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands or Guam to British North Borneo and from British North Borneo to the Philippine Islands or Guam shall be reciprocally delivered up for offenses specified in the extradition treaties between the United States and His Britannic Majesty's Government so far as such offenses are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands or Guam and by the laws of British North Borneo; and accepts Your Excellency's note as a sufficient confirmation of the arrangement on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States understands the arrangement to be completed by this present note and to be in full force and effect from and after September 23, 1913.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

W. J. BRYAN

His Excellency

SIR CECIL ARTHUR SPRING-RICE,
Ambassador of Great Britain.